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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2007, a reply to which is due December 31, 2007 with a two-month extension of time, a petition for which is filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 1 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this submission.